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Subject: Re-Opening Challenger Memorial Youth Center (Agenda Item Number 6) as a SYTF

Challenger Memorial Youth Center (CMYC), in Lancaster, California, was built in the mid 1990's, I believe. It was designed to be able to house 660 youths. It is my understanding the BOS repurposed this facility for a residential vocational program for foster youth and probation youths. Since there is a great need to find a facility which is able to sufficiently house SYTF, it is my opinion this facility would be the idea choice for the SYTF. I understand it has been repurposed; however, there is an urgent need to find a location for these youths to reside. It is embarrassing to hear how behind Los Angeles County is in terms of securing additional facilities for these youths. I would ask the POC bring this idea to the BOS, in particular Katherine Barger as the permanent location for SYTF. The program that is there can likely find another location, as the vocational program does not require the amount of security measures needed to operate their program like SYTF. We can save a lot of money and time making CMYC the second location for SYTF. I'm willing to join a committee to explore using CMYC as an SYTF site.

Thank you,

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